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## COMMENTS INVITED ON EAGLECOM, INC. D/B/A PTSI LONG DISTANCE APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Comp. Pol. File No. 636

Comments Due: April 4, 2003

**Section 214 Application** 

Applicant: Eaglecom, Inc. d/b/a PTSI Long Distance

On March 5, 2003, Eaglecom, Inc. d/b/a PTSI Long Distance (Eaglecom or Applicant) located at 603 South Main Street, Guymon, OK 73942 filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission), requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of domestic interstate telecommunications services. The application states that Eaglecom is a wholly-owned affiliate of Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (an independent local exchange carrier operating in the State of Oklahoma, FRN 0001700418) (Panhandle).

The application indicates that Eaglecom offers domestic interstate telecommunications services to customers physically located in the state of Oklahoma. Eaglecom states that it offers "1+" domestic interstate telecommunications services on a presubscribed basis, but does not currently serve any customers. Eaglecom seeks authority to discontinue the provision of these services. Eaglecom also states that it offered domestic travel card services under the name PTSI Long Distance, but that its parent, Panhandle, is reorganizing its structure such that Eaglecom ultimately will be dissolved and all of its assets and liabilities will be assumed by Panhandle. Eaglecom states that the domestic travel card services will continue to operate under the same name of PTSI Long Distance, which will maintain Eaglecom's terms and conditions of use. As a consequence, Eaglecom states that the corporate reorganization will be invisible to Eaglecom's travel card customers, who will experience no disruption or impairment of service.

Eaglecom states that grant of this application will not harm the present or future public convenience and necessity. It claims that by discontinuing domestic interexchange services (and ultimately being subsumed into its parent), Eaglecom and its parent will experience operational and marketing advantages that they otherwise would be compelled to forego. Because Eaglecom has no current customers for its domestic interexchange services, and because such services are widely available to consumers in Oklahoma from a host of carriers, Eaglecom suggests that discontinuance of such services will have no appreciable negative impact on consumers. Eaglecom states that it intends to discontinue these domestic interstate telecommunications services immediately upon grant of this application.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day after the release date of this notice, unless the Commission has notified the Applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c), Eaglecom, Inc. cannot legally terminate service to its customers until at least the thirty-first day after the release of this Public Notice, in this case, April 21, 2003. The Commission will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **April 4, 2003**. Such comments should refer to **Comp. Pol. File No. 636**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. The original and four (4) copies of the comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room 6-A207, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistronix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the

FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898, or via e-mail at qualexint@aol.com.

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), <a href="mailto:cweather@fcc.gov">cweather@fcc.gov</a>, or Rodney McDonald, (202) 418-7513 (voice), <a href="mailto:rlmcdona@fcc.gov">rlmcdona@fcc.gov</a>, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding Section 214 please visit <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other-adjud">http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other-adjud</a>.

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